## Senate File 491 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act requiring the water resources coordinating council to
- 2 make recommendations for a pilot project for universal
- 3 riparian buffers.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. WATER RESOURCES COORDINATING COUNCIL PILOT 2 PROJECT TO INSTALL RIPARIAN BUFFERS.
- The water resources coordinating council established
- 4 pursuant to section 466B.3 shall make recommendations for the
- 5 implementation of a pilot project involving the installation of
- 6 riparian buffers consisting of perennial vegetation adjacent to
- 7 waters of the state to be located within a subwatershed that
- 8 is part of a regional watershed as defined in section 466B.2
- 9 and that is on a list of targeted subwatersheds or regional
- 10 watersheds prepared by the department of natural resources.
- 11 2. The pilot project shall do all of the following:
- 12 a. Protect state water resources from erosion and runoff 13 pollution.
- b. Stabilize soils, shores, and banks.
- 15 c. Protect or provide riparian corridors.
- d. Achieve adoption of buffers by all landowners owing
- 17 shoreland in the watershed.
- 18 3. In preparing the recommendations, the council shall
- 19 consider methods to best implement a pilot project, including
- 20 but not limited to planning, mapping, providing technical and
- 21 financial assistance, alternative practices, tracking progress
- 22 towards compliance, enforcement, other governance issues, and
- 23 maintenance.
- 4. In preparing the recommendations, the council shall
- 25 consult with commissioners of soil and water conservation
- 26 districts, local water management authorities, interested state
- 27 agencies and private organizations, and landowners.
- 28 5. The council shall prepare and submit a report to the
- 29 governor and general assembly not later than January 13, 2020.
- 30 The report shall include recommendations for action by the
- 31 general assembly, including proposed legislation to establish
- 32 the pilot project for consideration by the general assembly
- 33 during the 2020 legislative session.
- 34 EXPLANATION
- 35 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

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- the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 2 This bill requires the water resources coordinating council
- 3 to make recommendations for a pilot project involving the
- 4 installation of riparian buffers consisting of perennial
- 5 vegetation adjacent to waters of the state. The pilot project
- 6 is to establish water quality practices, protect state water
- 7 resources, stabilize soil, protect riparian corridors, and
- 8 provide for buffers along shorelines. The council is required
- 9 to prepare and submit a report to the governor and general
- 10 assembly not later than January 13, 2020.